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STATE ED BOARD ANNOUNCES GRANTS FOR BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL CENTERS

A before- and after-school program will soon open at Plattsmouth Middle School. This federally-funded program will provide extra help for students in reading, mathematics and other studies.

The State Board of Education approved grants for the following new program:

- Plattsmouth Community Schools received an \$113,625 federal grant for a program at Plattsmouth Middle School.

In addition, four quality programs at seven schools across the state will continue to receive federal grants for 21st Century Community Learning Center programs. These grants are available for five years. The programs are:

- Cozad Community Schools' program at Cozad Elementary School received a \$57,600 federal grant.
- Chadron Public Schools' program at Chadron Primary School received a \$50,050 continuation federal grant.
- Lexington Public Schools' program at Lexington Middle School received a \$78,825 federal grant.
- Lincoln Public Schools' programs at Belmont Elementary School, Brownell Elementary School, Prescott Elementary School and Culler Middle School received a \$137,627 federal grant.

The primary goals of 21st Century Community Learning Centers are improved student learning, increased social benefits and positive behavioral changes as well as increased family and community engagement in Nebraska schools.

Over the past nine years, the Nebraska Department of Education has awarded federal grants for students at over 100 different sites in 27 Nebraska communities. The 21st Century Community Learning Centers program is funded under Title IV, Part B of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.